



Federal Update

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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CONGRESS

- Highlights of President's proposed FY 2023 budget:
 - Full funding of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021
 - \$1.5 billion for environmental justice programs
 - Increase Community Development Block Grant from \$3.3 billion to \$3.8 billion
 - Increase HOME program from \$1.5 billion to \$1.95 billion
 - Increase Community Oriented Policing Services from \$512 million to \$651 million
 - Increase Cure Violence Intervention Initiative from \$50 million to \$150 million
 - Increase of \$752 million for institutional capacity at historically black colleges and universities

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- COVID-19 Preparedness
 - Congressional leadership preparing \$10 billion bill for COVID-19 vaccines, medications, and therapies to prepare for another strain or outbreak
 - Draft bill incorporates language from the **State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S. 1011 – Cornyn)**, which provides greater flexibility for local governments to spend portion of American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery funds received in CY 2021 and CY 2022 for infrastructure and disaster relief
 - ✓ Greater of \$10 million or up to 30% of allocation
 - ✓ Road projects
 - ✓ Public transportation projects
 - ✓ Community development projects

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BIL – AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Airfield Improvement Projects
 - Federal Aviation Administration has approved use of a portion of the Airport's share of Airport Infrastructure Grant formula funding for construction of the North End-Around Taxiway and South Crossfield Taxiway / De-Icing Pad projects
 - ✓ Balance of construction costs for these two projects will be covered by remaining Airport pandemic relief funds and airport funds
 - Aviation will soon be applying to the FAA for a Letter of Intent for \$450 million to construct the 4th Parallel Runway and South End-Around Taxiway projects
 - ✓ Balance of construction costs for these two projects will be covered by passenger facility charges and local funds
 - Funding structure for the Airfield Improvement Projects was determined in consultation with the FAA

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BIL – GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

- Phase II of Concourse “A” Expansion
 - Airport Terminal Program
 - Planning, design, and construction of ten gates
 - Requesting \$167.5 million (submitted on March 25)
- The Pearl Innovation District
 - RAISE infrastructure grant
 - City, County, Atrium, WF Medical School, WF Baptist Health
 - Requesting \$24.9 million (submitted on April 14)
- Moving Safely Together: A Regional Vision Zero Plan
 - RAISE planning grant
 - Regional submittal led by CRTPO
 - Requesting \$5 million (submitted on April 14)



BIL – GRANT PROPOSALS IN PROCESS

- Realign Back Creek Church Rd. / University City Blvd. / Mallard Creek Church Rd. / NCRR – NS Mainline
 - MEGA (National Infrastructure Project Assistance)
 - Realign Back Creek Church Road to meet with Mallard Creek Church Road at University City Boulevard / Grade Separation
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Working with NCDOT and UNC Charlotte
 - Grants requests are due May 23, 2022
- CATS Battery Electric Buses
 - Low or No Emission Vehicle Program and Bus and Bus Facilities Program
 - Supports the zero-emission transition of CATS vehicles
 - Grant requests are due May 31, 2022



BIL – FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Planning along rail transit corridors:
 - May: Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program
- Vision Zero:
 - May: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program
- Eliminate railway at-grade crossings:
 - June: Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
 - August: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements



BIL – FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Environmental Justice:
 - June: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
- Stormwater:
 - May: Bridge Investment Program
 - Summer: National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration
- Demonstration of new technologies:
 - September: SMART – Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation



NEXT STEPS

- May 16: IRC meeting
- June 20: IRC meeting
- June – July: House Appropriations Sub-Committees will start reporting out FY 2023 appropriations measures for their areas of jurisdiction
- Late Spring – Summer: Feedback from federal agencies concerning competitive grant proposals